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Dear Friend:

I am pleased to present you with an advance copy of "An Environmentally Optimal Alternative: A Response to the CALFED Program." I am confident that it will repay your attention and optimistic that it will renew the CALFED promise. For your convenience, the document includes a pithy executive summary and several informative maps and graphics.

The Environmentally Optimal Alternative describes, in detail, a set of strategies and programs for achieving the CALFED objectives. It outlines a plan for restoring subsided delta islands and rewatering the San Joaquin River below Friant Dam, two issues critical to achieving CALFED objectives but largely neglected by CALFED. In addition, it includes detailed descriptions of conjunctive use, water transfers, ecosystem restoration, real-time operations, adaptive management, and a new delta environmental restoration authority (DERA).

I hope this document will stimulate productive discussion and progress among the CALFED stakeholders and agencies and look forward to your response or comments.

Sincerely,

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